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Minutes of a Meeting of the ARTS COMMISSION

Held Wednesday, June 22, 2022, in Room 488, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

EP = Electronic Participation

Present: Members: J. Loveday (Chair); **EP:** S. Epp, L. Hundleby, D. Lajeunesse, G. Lemon, C. Plant, K. Roessingh

Staff: Chris Gilpin, Manager, Arts Development Service; V. Jeevanandam, Community Outreach Coordinator; N. More, Senior Administrative Secretary (recorder)

Also Present: Arts Advisory Council: J. Verano, Chair (EP)

Absent: C. Green, W. Gardner

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.

1 Territorial Acknowledgement

2 Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Hundleby,
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3 Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Lemon,
That the minutes of the May 25, 2022, Arts Commission meeting be adopted as previously circulated.

CARRIED

4 Chair's Remarks

Chair Loveday remarked on the summer weather, the number of live events and the summer festival and event season. He was excited to see everything lined up for the next few months and in person and seeing what the region has to offer and hopefully a chance to see each other at the events. He wished luck to all the organizations with their summer programming.

5 Presentations/Delegations There were none.

6 Commission Business

6.1 Arts Advisory Council Update

6.1.1 Arts Advisory Council Chair's Report (Verbal)

J. Verano reflected on the last six months of work, and expressed gratitude to the adjudication committee for their work, the new people on the Council for their quick learning, and the extra time spent on the EDI framework and implementation. She also expressed thanks to staff for their support and efficiency. As the Council does not meet over the summer, she acknowledged staff work would continue, and she and the Council would look forward to updates in September. She also expressed thanks to the

Commission for the trust and confidence put in the Council. The Commission responded with their thanks in kind.

6.1.2 Arts Advisory Council Minutes for Information

6.1.3 Arts Advisory Council Activities by Council Summary

6.2 April 2022 Project Grant Recommendations

K. Roessingh and Chair Loveday declared potential conflict of interest with consideration of three organizations within the recommendations of the report.

C. Gilpin provided highlights of the report.

The Committee sought clarification on the eligibility criteria for organizations with or without paid voting board members. J. Verano indicated the Council would examine the issue and some discussion has been held already. One goal is to be more transparent and better communicate the purpose of that criteria.

The Committee touched on art creation, production, presentation and the fit within eligibility criteria of festivals and other events or programming that support art and culture makers.

MOVED by Member Plant, **SECONDED** by Member Lemon,
That April 2022 Project Grant recommendations, with the exception of UJAM, Planet Earth Poetry Reading, and the Victoria Poetry Project Society, be approved.

CARRIED

The Commission appreciated the thoughtful approach of the adjudication and remarked on the amount of applications compared to the Service budget.

K. Roessingh recused himself from the meeting at 4:33 p.m. due to his paid involvement with UJAM.

MOVED by Member Plant, **SECONDED** by Member Hundleby,
That the April 2022 Project Grant recommendation pertaining to UJAM be approved.

CARRIED

K. Roessingh returned to the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

By consensus, the Commission approved C. Plant to take over chairing the meeting.

J. Loveday recused himself from the meeting at 4:34 p.m. due to participation in Planet Earth Poetry Reading and the Victoria Poetry Project Society as an artist.

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Hundleby,
That the April 2022 Project Grant recommendations pertaining to Planet Earth Poetry Reading and the Victoria Poetry Project Society be approved.

CARRIED

J. Loveday returned to the meeting at 4:34 p.m. and resumed chairing the meeting.

6.3 Outreach Update

V. Jeevanandam reported that Doug Jarvis of ProArts will be on the advisory group for planning the next Arts Summit.

6.3.1 CRD Arts & Culture: 2021 Progress Report

V. Jeevanandam described each section of the progress report and how the report will be publicized. She provided highlights of the report, such as the 20 year anniversary and the connection of health and well-being to arts participation.

The Commission expressed satisfaction with the progress report and its artistic format. Staff took into account a correction flagged by the Commission, to be made before publication. Printed copies would be mailed to the elected officials of the participating jurisdictions.

Arising from the matter of the Progress Report, the Commission discussed the appropriateness of a new motion and consented to hearing it under New Business.

7 New Business

7.1 Arts & Culture Service Participation

Arising from discussion of the 2022 Progress Report and indications in the report on the benefits of participation in the Service, and taking into account the new Board after the upcoming elections, the Commission discussed highlighting for the CRD Board the importance of continuing to advocate for 100% participation in the CRD Arts & Culture Support Service, for consideration at their next strategic planning session, and including an understanding of the costs in relative terms.

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Hundleby,
The Arts Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That 100% participation in the CRD Arts & Culture Support Service be considered as a strategic initiative for the 2022-2026 Board.

CARRIED

7.2 Arts in Our Own Communities

The Commission members shared noteworthy arts and culture events in their communities.

The Commission discussed that such a sharing in roundtable format could be added as a standing agenda item.

8 Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Member Hundleby, **SECONDED** by Member Lemon,

1. That the Chair of the Arts Advisory Council be admitted to the closed session of the meeting.
2. That the meeting be closed in accordance with the *Community Charter*, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being

considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the regional district or another position appointed by the regional district.

CARRIED

The Commission moved to the closed session at 5:39 p.m.

The Commission rose from the closed session at 5:46 p.m. with the following report:

That Dylan Clark, Sue Donaldson, Richard Gale, and Sarah Reid be appointed to the Arts Advisory Council for an initial term, up to one year long, ending December 2022 to align with the term expiry timeline of other Arts Advisory Council members.

9 Adjournment

MOVED by Member Hundleby, **SECONDED** by Member Plant,
That the meeting be adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER